



# MEAD QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2026

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Contact Jennie by email: [barwise.jennie@gmail.com](mailto:barwise.jennie@gmail.com)

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### Meetings this Month

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026: 9.30 am. Sewing morning**

Bring your own sewing projects. Don't forget your quilting bee block. Stuffing will be available for heart cushions.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026: 7.30 pm. Speaker Catherine Hill**, award winning textile artist and embroiderer: A Way with Words. [www.arnolds-attic.co.uk](http://www.arnolds-attic.co.uk)



### Mead Quilters online

**Mead Quilters website - <https://meadquilters.org.uk>**

News of our meetings and other events

**Mead Quilters Members Facebook group:** This is a closed group for club members. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/770972933274429>

**Mead Quilters Public Page:**

This is a public page to advertise our group and events. [Facebook](#)

**Mead Quilters on Instagram:**

Janet looks after our Mead Quilters Instagram account. You can follow us here - [Mead Quilters \(@meadquilters\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
<b>Mead Quilters Exhibition</b> <b>Saturday 17th Oct 2026</b>	<p>We will need lots of help with the exhibition; refreshments, tombola, stewards, sales table, raffle, fabric sales and entrance table. The time slots will be - 9.30 - 11.30 am, 11.30 am - 1.30 pm, 1.30 - 3.30 pm. The early slots are booking up fast. Please email Jennie if you have a preference for a time slot or activity. We will also need lots of cakes!</p> <p>If you have any spare trouser hangers, the ones you get from shops with a straight bar and a peg at each end, please bring them to any meeting. Thank you.</p>
<b>Sales table</b> Any meeting	<p>Book a table at any Mead meeting to sell your own sewing related items and keep all the proceeds. The cost is £5 per table. You could also join with other members to book a table together. Please contact Elizabeth to make a booking - <a href="mailto:elizabethr0649@gmail.com">elizabethr0649@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Elizabeth is also happy to receive donated fabric to be sold to benefit Mead funds. If you want to thin down your stash, just bring it along to a meeting.</p>

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### Message from Alison King:

*Dear Mead Quilters,*

*Thank you so much for the unexpected gift you gave me at the AGM.*

*I look forward to spending the token on a new quilting book!*

*I love being a member of Mead Quilters which is a very important*

*part of my life and I'm very grateful for the friendship, ideas,*

*inspiration and support that this lovely group of women (and we are all women at the*

*moment) provides. Long may it continue to be the welcoming group that it is today and part*

*of my life for many years to come. Alison K*



June morning meeting: show-and-tell



Jeanette



Trish



Barbie



Alison W

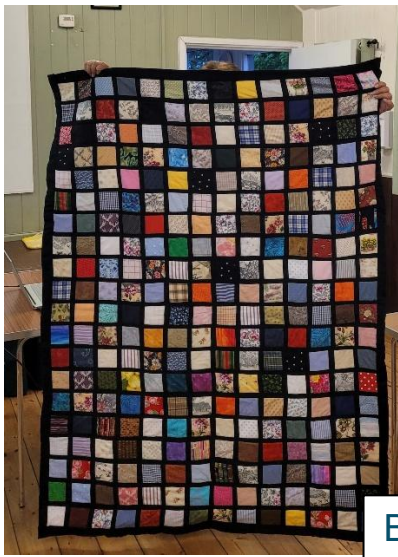


Morgane

June evening meeting: show and tell



Morgane



Brenda



Francesca

**June evening meeting AGM:** Reports were read and the new committee was elected. Members voted on the charity to be supported by our exhibition in October. The charity Youth Talk <https://youthtalk.org.uk/>, suggested by Francesca, received the most votes. Youth Talk provides free, confidential counselling to 13-25 year olds in St Albans, Harpenden and surrounding areas.

22 beautiful cushions were entered in the summer challenge, and the winners are shown below. After some discussion it was decided that the challenge next year would involve making a bag from recycled material, maybe a duvet cover from a charity shop, as suggested by Teresa. Details will follow later. After a break for some delicious food and drink we had a couple of quiz rounds including 'who made which quilt' and 'what sewing items did I buy when I went shopping'!



Summer challenge plate  
1<sup>st</sup> Janice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol M



Many beautiful cushions

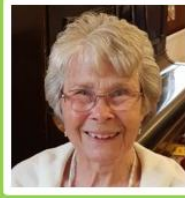


## Our new committee for 2026 – 2027 were elected at the AGM

### Mead Quilters committee 2025 - 2026



Jennie Barwise  
Chair and  
Newsletter



Carol Wort  
Membership



Liz Jacques.  
Secretary



Carol Martin  
Refreshments



Francesca  
Entwistle  
Speaker  
Programme



Ginny Edwards  
Charity Co-  
ordinator



Morgane Conti



Christine Paige



Caroline Ellis  
Treasurer



Elizabeth Richardson &  
Linda Cosgrove Sales table



Sheila Bulley

**Message from our Charity Co-ordinator:** We were mentioned in the Comfort Cases June newsletter. Thank you all for your support. Ginny

COMFORT  
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'We have been blown away by the kindness and creativity of our supporters this month. A huge thank you goes to the wonderful ..... Mead Quilters who have generously created beautiful handmade toiletry bags and pencil cases for the children we support. These aren't just practical items: they are something the children can use, keep and treasure long after their move into care.'



## June Saturday Sewing Day: Clamshells workshop with Molly Brown.

Molly showed us a large array of her clamshell work and then demonstrated several techniques for making clamshells. She made a difficult skill become quite achievable.



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**Members' Day Out:** Linda N. and Jennie went to a Quilters Guild, Seminole workshop at Flitwick. Helen Butcher of Little Patch Pockets was a very good teacher and gave us many useful tips throughout the day.



This is what we were aiming for ..... and this is as far as we got!



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## Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Lamport Hall Quilting and Sewing Show.** Lamport, Northamptonshire, NN6 9HD (NN6 9EZ for Satnav)

**30<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2026: Festival of Quilts.** The NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026: Knit & Stitch Show, Alexandra Palace**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026: Autumn Quilting and Sewing Show, Malvern.** Three Counties Showground, Severn Hall, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

Let us know of any upcoming events that you have heard of, so that we can keep members informed. If you visit any of them, do send pictures!

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15<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2026  
 Weds, Fri & Sat only  
 11 am to 3pm  
 Free entrance

**Textile Art Exhibition by New Horizon Quilters**

See poster

Baldock Arts & Heritage Centre, Old Town Hall, High Street, Baldock. SG7 6AR



*Mead Quilters Speaker Programme 2026*

<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sep : 1 pm – 4 pm</b>	Saturday sewing day
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sep: 7.30 pm</b> <b>Speaker: Helen Creasey,</b>	My Quilting Journey, from Architecture to Quilt Design <a href="https://www.soulstoriesart.com/helen-creasey">https://www.soulstoriesart.com/helen-creasey</a>
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: 7.30 p. Speaker</b> <b>Moira Neal, free machine artist.</b>	A View from my Kitchen, and how it inspired a quilt <a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Moira-Neal-Free-Machine-Artist-100048675651245/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/p/Moira-Neal-Free-Machine-Artist-100048675651245/?locale=en_GB</a>
<b>Sat Nov 7<sup>th</sup> : 1pm – 4 pm</b>	Saturday sewing day. Heather will show us how to do needle turn applique, 4 different ways.
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov: 7.30 pm</b> <b>Member's showcase</b>	Jo Day will show us all her beautiful work and tell us about her quilting journey.
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec : 7.30 pm</b>	Christmas party